SKET HES OF ARMY LIFE.

Interesting Incidents of the Civil War Re lated by "X Con. Fed," A Member of

Third S. C Regiment. [Written for The Herald and News.]

I returned to the army about the middle of April, 1863. My wound was not healed and I was not made to do duty until the last of April. Here I saw some soldiers shot. I think he men had deserted, had been caught and brought back, tried and found guilty. The army was brought out and placed on the hills. The men were blind-folded and shot to death. It was a very affecting scene but was for the good of the

army. The 28th or 29th of April the signal gun was fired and we hurried to our old position on Lee's Hill at Fredricksburg. The Yankees were massed just across the river. Throwing pontcon bridges over the river, General Lee come among the boys and talked to us freely. He told us that the fight would not be here, but up the river. We soon fell in line and marched towards Chancellorsville. We struck the enemy near Chancellorsvillve and skirmished all the evening, keeping them employed until General Jackson could strike their rear. Jackson's troops fought that evening and night. We commenced our advance soon Sunday morning. We gradually drove them back until we struck the plank road at Chancellorsville. The house was burning and pandemonium seemed to be turned loose. We were preparing for the last spring and was going to drive Hooker into the river when a preacher came galloping up and called for General Lee. He told General Lee that the Federals had broken through at Fredricksburg and was coming up rapidly in our rear. Kershaw's brigade was hast ened down the road to Salem church to meet the enemy. We had been in line at Salem church only a short while, when General Wilcox came up the road with his brigade of Ala bama troops and claimed the post of honor. We moved to the right and gave General Wilcox a position on the road, but General Kershaw put the 3rd South Carolina Battalion in reserve. The Yankees came pell over the Alabama boys They came into their lines and were shot down The 3rd Battalion came up and the enemy were hurled back down the

mell and thought they would run road. That night we were fed on hog-jole and hard tack, and it was the sweetest meat I ever eat. The next night we were carried forward to drive Sedgwick's corps across the river. A Federal battery had our range and was pouring shell in our ranks. General Kershaw ordered one regiment to take the battery. They refused. He ordered another and it refused. Then orders were issued for the 3rd regiment to take the battery. Colonel Nance said all right. We were just getting out of a piece of woods. Colonel Nance ordered us to trail arms and not to fire a gun until we reached the guns We started on the run. Everything was silent, the cannon had ceased firing; we expected a charge of grape and canister. Suddenly we heard a Confederate yell way down the line to our right. This yell was taken up by other regiments, and we reached the place where the battery had been, we found the place deserted. Then we took up the yell and hurried forward, but Sedgewick had escaped. We captured a good many prisoners and armed ourselves with Endfield rifles. We went back to Chancellorsville the next day expecting to renew the fight, but Fighting Joe Hooker had enough and that night crossed the river. We went back to our camp near Fredricksburg. We were always scarce of lead and

I was sent as one of a detail to pick up lead on the field. About half way between where the fighting first started, at Salem church, l found two minnie balls. One had been fired by the Federals and one by the Confederates. They had struck each other so true that they had become imbedded into each other, and fell to the ground.

While our troops were at Fred ricksburg during the winter, one night a Federal band got to playing; then the Yankees would cheer their bands. Then one of our bands would play a piece and our boys would. Finally both bands commenced to play Home Sweet Home and if it had not been for the officers everything she happens to think of. of George Washington.

the war would have stopped that night and all the soldiers would X Con Fed. have gone home.

Man is a two legged animal that chews tobacco and walks on the forked end.

Most men were born We never neard of but one who wasn't and he was made out of mud-just for sam ple. Man is found in most parts of the world. He roams at will, feeds in the day time and sleeps at night--some nights.

He is very tame. You can go up to and put your hand on him anywhere so you don't put it on his pooketbook, he has under such conditions been known to kick.

Man's life is full of disappointments, patent medicines and cob

He goeth forth as a lion in the morning and leaves the wood for his wife to chop. In the evening sneeks home with his pants ripped and raises cain about hard times."

Man is like a dog-howls a great deal and runs about at night.

Like the elephant, he has a trunk, but he don't always take it with him. The elephant does.

Men are like nails in one respect; in nine cases out of ten where either of them are crooked, they have been driven to it by a women.

Men are like chickens, they always want to get on the highest roost.

No man will swear before a lady; he always lets her swear first.

Little things sometime worry a man most-twins for instance. Man may enjoy taking his sweet

heart upon his knee, but after marriage he doesn't like to be "sat

Man flourishes like a ragweed to day and tomorrow the undertaker has him salted away in an ice box.

Now, as what man is really good for, anthropology is still in the dark. Being strong he is used to draw pictures, carry news and pull the revolver. Properly trained, man can amp higher than any other animal. He has even been known to jump mountain resorts and board bills.

Although in many respects man is ike other animals, in this respect differs from all: He lives while standing up.

Late Literary News.

Are England, Scotland and Ireland destined, ultimately, to become a part of "The United States of America and Great Britain"? is the startling inquiry which William T. Stead makes in the January Cosmopolitan. He has been one of the prophets of place for me at home." Great Britain, and has, at all times, been able to see in advance of his contemporaries—as events have proven. He has been studying the new conditions brought about by the ters, and they entertain company the conclusion that England and the give me to understand that I am 'a more closely united and that as soon papa is always tired, and he dozes as the English people wake up to the in the sitting room, and does not as has been shown in the Boer War, lonesome, you see; so I come down of a king and aristocracy, the trend here. It was not always so," he will be immediate in the direction of differ from Mr. Stead, his speculations will be found vastly interesting. He is the first British subject | that told of a sorrow time had not who has had the courage to suggest | yet healed.

An article which will prove of the ted. widest intesrst to all those engaged in teaching or who may be interested | reformer, and has no time to spend in education, is one in the January Cosmopolitan by Elisha Benjamin Andrews, ex President of Brown Un versity, who for the first time, in a leading magazine, has had the courage to show the great evils resulting from the private contract school book system educational officials corrupted, school books often the poorest se lected, and the prices paid by the children themselves of the highestan annual tax going up into the mil lions which could be very easily avoided if the proper organization

were brought into this effort. If the old saying, "All the world ous period. loves a lover," is true, then the fic- | Mothers! make home the bright tion in The Cosmopolitan for Jan uary should be popular, indeed All the stories vary in treatment, plot and action, from Frances Courtenay Baylor's charming story, "Cupid's Practical Joke," to Maarten Maartes' strong domestic tragedy, "Her Fa ther's," but all have love for a central theme.

When a woman promises to tell a man everything, she doesn't mean everything that has happened, but

This is a day of opportunity for around trying to sell books when in rosy and smiling we left the city. A young man was all. This incident tells the quite pleasantly. tale in all lines, sad though it may be. Doctors, preachers, salesmen, workmen when past fifty are as a usual thing preceded by young men in the works of life.

but a thoughtful observer can but say that it is true. It is not necessary now to say why this is the case. It is enough to say that young men should lay hold of these favorable opportunities. young man of good habits, energy, go to the front. Success comes men of merit as it ever has done in the history of the world.

upon our young men, that the opportunity.

These days are the days of his opportunity, once allowed to slip by he must face defeat. Let encourage our young men to lay hold of the tavoring circumstances and to do this with decision and in the world than mine, but none haste.

No Place at Home for the Boy.

I met him on a street corner-a bright, black-eyed lad of perhaps fourteen summers. I had seen him there evening after evening, and wondered whether there was no one who knew the temptations he encountered. I made friends with him, and won his confidence. Then I questioned him kindly in regard to his spending so much time in

"I know," he said, looking up at me in such a frank, winning, way, that I could not help thinking what a noble man he might make, "the street is not the place for a boy, but you see there's no

I was surprised and pained at

"How is that?" I asked.

"Well, I have two grown-up sisindustrial combinations and reaches in the parlor every evening. They United States are destined to be third party,' and not wanted. Then absurdity and general uselessness, like to be disturbed. It's pretty went on. "Before grandma died a union with the people of the Uni I was always went up to her room, ted States. However much one may and had a jolly time. Grandma liked boys.

There was a quiver in the voice

"But your mother?" I sugges-

"Oh, mamma!-she is only a with me. She is always visiting the prisons and work-houses, trying to reform men, or writing articles on how to save the boys."

"And her own boy in danger?" "Yes, I am not half as good as I was before grandma died. I am getting rough I am afraid. There does not seem to be any one to take an interest in me, so it does not much matter."

It was hard, bitter truth; and yet I knew that this was not the only boy who needed a wise, gentle hand to guide him through the danger-

est spot on earth for your children. Take an interest in their sports; make yourself young for their sakes.

I think the saddest, most hopeless thing I ever heard from à boy's lips was that sentence: "There is no place for me at home."-The Notes, Bonds and Household.

If the small boy could have his way, Santa Claus would have a place in the Hall of Fame right alongside The Right Kind of a Boy

The other morning we were in men. In nearly if not quite every the midst of a three days' rain. line of business and calling in life. The fire smoked, the dinner room the young man has the advantage was chilly, and when we assembled over older men. Recently in At- for breakfast, papa looked rather lanta we went round with a man grim and mamma tired, for the of fifty-five. He had as fine recom- baby had been restless all night. mendations as men ever ask to see. Polly was plainly inclined to fret-His character was above reproach, fulness, and Bridget was undeniahe had experience as a business man ably cross when Jack came in with and seemed well qualified to the breakfast rolls from the baker's. fill many positions. But he did not He had taken off his rubber coat get an offer and was tramping and boots in the entry, and came

"Here's the paper, sir," said he with his habits and endorsements to his father, with such a cheerful would easily have gotten good po- tone that his father's brow relaxed, sitions. He was elderly and that and he said "Ah, Jack, thank you,"

> His mother looked up at him smiling, and he just touched her cheek gently as he passed.

"Top of the morning to you, Pollywog," he said to his little sis-We do not think this is right ter, and delivered the rolls to Bridget with a "Here you are, Bridget. Arn't you sorry you didn't go yourself this beautiful day?"

He gave the fire a poke and opened the damper. The smoke ceased, and presently the coals began to glow; and a few minutes after Jack reasonable intelligence can easily came in we were gathered around the table, and were eating our oatas surely and as quickly to young meal as cheerily as possible, This seems very simple in the telling, and Jack never knew he had done This too should be impressed anything at all; but he had, in fact, changed the whole moral atmosyoung man who wastes his days phere of the room, and had started of young manhood has wasted his a gloomy day pleasantly for five

"He is always so," said his mother, when I spoke to her about it afterwards; "just so sunny and kind and ready all the time. I suppose there are more brilliaut boys with a kinder heart or a sweeter temper, I am sure of that .- Select-

Lesson for a Boy.

I overheard a conversation between Karl and his mother. She had work for him to do, which interferred with some of his plans for enjoyment, and, though Karl obeyed her, it was not without a good deal of grumbling. He had much to say about never being allowed to do as he pleased, and that it would be time enough for him to settle down to work when he was older. While the sense of injury was strong upon him, I came out on the piazza beside him and said, "Karl, why do you try to break that colt of yours?"

The boy looked up in surprise. "Why, I want him to be good Corliss, for something,"

"But he likes his own way," I objected. "Why shouldn't he have

By this time Karl was staring at From small plantation mill, to the me in perplexity. "I'd like to know the good of a horse that always has his own way!" he said, as if rather indignant at my lack of

"And as for working," I went on, "I should think there was time enough for that when he gets to be an old horse."

"Why, don't you see, if he doesn't learn when he's a colt-' Karl began. Then he stopped blushed and looked at me rather appealingly. I heard no more complaints from him that day. - Church



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